



5 Upper Gloucester Street  
Dorset Square.  
10 April 1858.

My dear Collier,

Accept my warmest  
thanks for your great kindness  
to me. I congratulate you sin-  
cerely on the completion of your  
second edition, and on the great  
increase of valuable matter  
which you have been able to  
bring to bear on your subject.  
There is something painful  
in the combination of the



most genial of poets with  
the personal details which you  
have felt bound to introduce.

My opinion is, and always  
has been, that you have been  
most wickedly ill-used by  
Mess<sup>r</sup>s Dyce &c; and for your  
own sake, and the sake of your  
memory in time to come, I  
have thought it necessary that  
you should say your say in  
reply. You have done so, and

I hope and trust you will  
never more be disturbed upon  
the subject. May you live  
to publish many more Editions,  
and may the next give us the  
Poet and his Editor only, without  
a word of allusion to the various  
mean-spirited crew, who remind  
one of nothing so much as of  
a pack of dogs quarrelling  
over a bone.

Again I thank you

with all my heart  
and beg you to  
Believe me

Yours very sincerely

Geo Bruce

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